

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Karoly Nikolics et al. Serial No.: To Be Assigned Filed: Herewith	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned Examiner: To Be Assigned Confirmation No: To Be Assigned Customer No: 09157
Title: GLYCOPROTEIN HORMONE RECEPTOR MOLECULES	EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: <u>EV 351 926 922 US</u> DATE OF DEPOSIT: <u>JANUARY 9, 2004</u>

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with Applicant's Rule 53(b) continuation application. Entry of the amendment herein is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.